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Born to parents who moved to the Wai`anae Coast prior to World War II, I was raised on the Wai`anae Coast enjoying fishing, camping and hiking from Nanakuli to Ka`ena.

After graduating from Wai`anae High School, I furthered my education by receiving a Baccalaureate and a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering. For years I worked as an engineer and then a product development manager for IBM.

Returning to Hawai`i in 1993, I observed tremendous changes effected upon my home district over the years and the impacts it was having on the quality of life. I decided to get involved with issues affecting our community to help improve our way of life by taking advantage of the changes society and technology brings while maintaining a quality of life that respects our cultural and natural resources.

I believe we must continue to provide the vigilance needed to ensure that our community, and no other community in the State, is the dumping ground for others. That is why I actively oppose the continuation of the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill. We need to quickly address providing the overall infrastructures for the significant increases projected in new development being experienced, including traffic, power, jobs, water, etc. And, we need a comprehensive plan to address our homeless and houseless residents' situation.

I believe that, once elected, together, we can make an even larger impact on getting the resources to help responsibly develop our local communities and live the life we all envision for ourselves and families.